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SUMMARY: OMANI FONMIN OFFICIAL TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SULTAN HAD
AGREED OPIC AGREEMENT WITH US SHOULD BE CONCLUDED. THEY ALSO

SAID OMAN WOULD WELCOME CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE US. IN RESPONSE TO OMANI SUGGESTION THAT USG PROVIDE

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MORE MILITARY ASSISTANCE ESPECIALLY TRAINING THE AMBASSADOR
URGED OMAN TO MAKE DIRECT REQUESTS TO NEIGHBORING STATES THAT HAD
BEEN HELPFUL. US SOVIET RELATIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY

1. CHARGE QUINLAN, MCELDFOWNEY AND I CALLED ON SAYYID FAHAD BIN
MAHMOUD AL SAID MIN STATE OF FONAFFAIRS AND AHMAD ABDUL MAKKI
FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY AT FOREIGN MINISTRY MUSCAT ON MAY 12.
FOLLOWING ITEMS DISCUSSED.

2. OPIC AGREEMENT-- SAYYID FAHAD STATED THAT TALKS WITH THE
SULTAN AFTER MY VISIT ON MAY 10 PRODUCED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
THAT AN INVESTMENT GUARANTEE AGREEMENT WITH US WAS
BENEFICIAL AND SHOULD BE CONCLUDED. HOWEVER SPECIFIC DRAFT PRO-
POSAL RECEIVED BY MINISTRY ON MAY 5 WAS STILL UNDER STUDY IT
WAS AGREED THAT A NOTE SUMMARIZING AND CLARIFYING MAJOR POINTS OF
PROPOSAL PREPARED BY MCELDFOWNEY WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN STUDY-
ING DRAFT AGREEMENT.

3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. I SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO PRIVATE DIRECT
INVESTMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COULD BE A MAJOR MEANS OF BUILDING
RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND OMAN WHILE EFFORTS TO
HAVE USG " TOP OFF" DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SALARIES DEMANDED
BY EXPERTS FROM US AND AMOUNTS OMAN WILLING AND ABLE PAY
WERE SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL WE WOULD CONTINUE PURSUE THIS
POSSIBILITY. MEANWHILE THERE WERE AREAS OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST TO OMAN WHERE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE PROVIDED
EG BY ARRANGING " SISTER CITY" OR " SISTER PORT" IN US
WHO COULD SEND EXPERTS AND INFORMATION. SAYYID FAHAD STATED THAT
WHILE OMAN' S LIMITED NUMBER OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL LIMITED ITS
ABILITY TO MAKE SPECIFIC REQUESTS CONCRETE PROPOSALS FROM US
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. MILITARY SUPPORT-- SAYYID FAHAD SAID USG SHOULD
BE GIVING MORE MILITARY SUPPORT TO SULTANATE OF OMAN
ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF MILITARY TRAINING I STATED WE WOULD LOOK
INTO MATTER FURTHER BUT ADDED THAT SUPPORT FOR OMAN' S CASE HAD
BEEN GIVEN BY US REPRESENTATIVES IN NUMBER OF NEIGHBORING CAPITALS
AND THAT SOME HAD RESPONDED WITH ASSISTANCE. I SUGGESTED THAT
OMAN SHOULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING WITH DIRECT REQUESTS FROM THESE
COUNTRIES BECAUSE SUCH SUPPORT WAS IN EVERYONE' S INTEREST TO
WHICH SAYYID FAHAD NODDED AGREEMENT. AHMAD MAKKI EMPHASIZED THAT
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OMAN WAS NOT INTERESTED IN " DROPS" OF TOKEN ASSISTANCE FOR SAKE
OF SYMBOLIC SUPPORT.

5. US SOVIET RELATIONS-- IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES ABOUT
STRENGTH OF AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO " OPPOSE COMMUNISM" IN LIGHT
OF RECENT EVIDENCE OF DETENTE BETWEEN US AND SOVIET UNION (AS
WELL AS PRC) I SAID THAT WHILE THERE WERE IMPORTANT AREAS SUCH
AS DISARMAMENT AND TRADE IN WHICH US AND SOVIET UNION HAD FOUND

AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS TO THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST, THERE WRE
OTHERS IN WHICH SOVIET POLICY WAS NOT IN INTERST OF US AND THAT
SUCH POLICIES WLD CONTINE TO BE OPPOSED. FOR EXAMPLE US
WOULD RESIST ANY SOVIET MOVE THAT UPSET ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OR
CREATED INSECURITY IN ARABIAN PENINSULA, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR
THROUGH AGENT STATES.
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